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**TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**Pedestrian/Bicycle Access.** From the town centre, go along Station Road towards the Fire Station, cross the river and immediately turn right to follow the River Ayr walkway for approx 600m alongside Ayr College and Dam Park Stadium. There is a large staircase facing the river which leads up to the UWS entrance courtyard and Reception. Sheltered storage for bicycles is provided.

**Travel by Rail.** For information on rail connections to and from Ayr, please visit www.scotrail.co.uk or call 08457 484950. UWS Ayr Campus is a 10–15 minute walk from the train station. Taxis and buses (#1 ‘Hayhill’ from Station Road) are available locally.

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- **From the North:** Proceed along Whittlets Road past Ayr Racecourse, turn left at the traffic lights onto Craigie Road. Turn left at the next set of traffic lights on to Craigie Way.
- **From the South and East:** from Station Road, take the second exit at the Fire Station roundabout onto Craigie Road. Turn right at the traffic lights on to Craigie Way. **All routes:** on Craigie Way, take the second exit at the roundabout onto University Avenue to enter UWS Ayr Campus. Take the second right for Car Parks 1 and 2.
REPRESENTING AYRSHIRE

John Galt and His Successors
Saturday 8 June 2013
Ayr Campus, University of the West of Scotland, Ayr

John Galt called his novels set in the west of Scotland ‘theoretical histories’. His native Ayrshire is a place of geographical contrasts, and it has been affected by the major historical movements of modern Scotland, from the Reformation to post-industrialism. It lends itself, therefore, to the novel which most characteristically has rich social and historical settings, theoretical and otherwise. It is no surprise, then, that Ayrshire has proved a fruitful setting for a wide variety of popular and literary novelists born there, on whom Galt’s example was often an enduring influence, or for those others who have used it as a backdrop for realism or romance. What is surprising, perhaps, is that this conference is the first one devoted to those writers who represent Ayrshire.

PROGRAMME

9:30 Registration
10:00 Welcome
10:15 Representing Ayrshire for the Next Generation: Scottish Literary Futures – Louise Barrett
10:45 John Galt: Making Fiction from Fact – Ian McGhee
11:15 Coffee
11:45 From Galt to The Green Shutters – Alan Riach
12:45 Lunch
2:00 Upper Class to Underclass: Popular Fiction in Twentieth-Century Ayrshire – Neil Dickson
2:30 The Ayrshire Legatees: Contemporary Ayrshire Fiction – David Manderson
3:15 Poetry readings – Rab Wilson, Alan Riach

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